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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant hereby files a divisional utility patent application, based on parent application Serial No. 10/021,235, filed October 30, 2001.

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 121 to the parent application, Serial No. 10/021,235. Applicant further claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to German application Serial No. 100 54 296.4, filed November 2, 2000. A verified copy of said German patent application was filed in the parent application Serial No. 10/021,235 on January 4, 2002. A copy of the Claim of Priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 and of the cover page of the Priority Document are enclosed.

ASSIGNMENT

This is a divisional patent application and the assignment document of the parent application 10/021,235 was filed in the Office on October 30, 2001.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Applicant hereby incorporates by reference the prior application, Serial No. 10/021,235.